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ART UNIT: 2155 EXAMINER: Thu Ha Nguyen APPLICANT: Sanchaita Datta and Ragula Bhaskar SERIAL NO.: 10/034,197 FILED: December 28, 2001 FOR: COMBINING CONNECTIONS FOR PARALLEL ACCESS TO MULTIPLE FRAME RELAY AND OTHER PRIVATE NETWORKS	INTERVIEW SUMMARY <u>CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION</u> DATE OF FAXING: <u>May 25, 2004</u> I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being faxed to the USPTO central fax number 703 872-9306 on the date indicated above.  Sheila Halterman
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In response to the undersigned's telephonic interview with the Examiner on May 12, 2004, and pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.133, and the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, the undersigned respectfully submits the following remarks.

Introduction

The meaning of claim language "private network" was discussed during the interview. Agreement was not reached.

The Examiner maintains that (i) a LAN may be a private network, (ii) Kitai (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,069) teaches LANs, and (iii) the rejections relying in part or whole on Kitai are therefore proper.